



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** alcohol and drug abuse in this nation has reached epidemic stages; and

**WHEREAS,** sixty percent of all injuries and deaths are alcohol related; and

**WHEREAS,** many of these injuries and deaths occur around prom and graduation events every year; and

**WHEREAS,** graduation from high school is a substantial accomplishment and milestone in a person's life, traditionally recognized by a great celebration; and

**WHEREAS,** such celebration by high school graduates sometimes places celebrants in undesirable circumstances that may lead to situations which may be unsafe or otherwise dangerous; and

**WHEREAS,** alternative means of celebrating graduation from high school can be meaningful, enjoyable, safe, and truly memorable events without having graduates indulge or otherwise participate in unsafe or dangerous activities; and

**WHEREAS,** the Project Graduation Committee of West Feliciana Parish has created, with the assistance of Students Against Drunk Drivers of West Feliciana High School, as well as generous benefactors, an alternative means of celebrating graduation for the class of 2004 of West Feliciana High School. The project is known as "Project Graduation 2004", offering a safe event which will provide the graduates with a meaningful, enjoyable, and truly memorable graduation event on May 21, 2004, which they anticipate will be widely attended by the graduates; and

**WHEREAS,** there is no greater resource than our children, and working to avoid losing them to alcohol related tragedies is a goal we should all embrace and promote.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the state of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim May 2004, as

### PROJECT GRADUATION MONTH

and that May 21, 2004 in particular be recognized as  
**PROJECT GRADUATION DAY** in the state of Louisiana.



Attest By  
The Governor

*[Signature]*  
Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set  
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the  
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the  
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this  
the 4th day of April*

*A. D., 2004*

*Kathleen Babineaux Blanco*  
Governor of Louisiana